A MESSAGE FROM DR. BOB JOHNSON

A Fresh Start

Information Services – the combined division of library, information technology, and institutional research services – has recently finished a half-year project of interviewing representatives from every part of the college to determine what they need from the division to accomplish their jobs and achieve their goals. Faculty, staff, students, and community representatives described their needs in great detail, expressed their experiences that cause them pain or enable their gains. They have articulated how they want the division to relate to them and what modes of communication they prefer.

And we, as Information Services, thank you all.

We learned a lot, and sometimes what we learned surprised us. Where we had expected the interviews to emphasize personal contact, in many cases, the opposite was true. You told us that because of the hours you work and the way you work, most of you prefer self-serve resources, saving personal contact for the last resort. You told us that your lives are complicated, and you need simplicity from us in the form of easier log-ins, fewer choices, and a much more streamlined experience. You told us that there are very few services we offer that, as a college, you require, but those few services are absolutely necessary. The wireless network must be available and dependable. The classroom AV must not fail. The web-based resources must be simple.

As you come back, you will see the first signs of these interviews emerging in numerous initiatives designed to meet your needs as you expressed them. Our hope is that these first steps are the signs of a fresh start that makes your lives more productive and your work more visible to the world.

New Library Catalog for Rhodes College Campus

Barret Library has a new catalog that will allow you to search for articles, books, and other materials! This online catalog, using a “Google-like” search, allows you to see what we, as well as other libraries in the world, own! Quick video tutorials are available here. As always, if you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Help Desk (843-3890, helpdesk@rhodes.edu). We are very excited to offer this new service to the Rhodes College campus!
Pub Talk - New Faculty Orientation!

Barret Library and Information Services recently hosted a pub hour for all new faculty members for the 2015 fall semester. New faculty met with Barret staff to review the Help Desk structure, information technology questions, and the information services liaison program.

About 20 new faculty members were present. The opportunity to talk to all new faculty in one location is rare. So, instead of offering the standard PowerPoint presentation, the Library and Information Services chose a more convivial way of offering our assistance, resources, and services. For more information about our liaison program, please go here. Welcome new faculty!

Zombie Night at The Library

For the past 3 years, Barret Library has hosted a "Zombie Apocalypse Night" to initiate all the new Resident Assistants on campus. The night started out with a Mexican feast, lots of yummy treats, and then everyone geared-up for a night of zombie madness! With lights turned off in the library, and all the rules reviewed, the apocalypse began! If students did not want to turn into zombies, they had to answer specific questions at the Help Desk in regards to IT and Library resources and procedures. Here are a few pictures of the great zombie night! And here is a link to the questions that everyone needs to know, so as not to be a zombie!

OTHER NEWS...

Welcome to Information Services!
Sarah Frierson
Digital Projects and Scholarship Project Manager

Sarah, class of '98 comes to us from Memphis Public Library. Previously, Sarah was the Digital Protect Manager at the Memphis and Shelby County Room in the Memphis Public Library. Sarah's extensive background includes creating and curating the DIG Memphis digital collection.

Arthur Rosario
System Administrator

Arthur Rosario comes to us from Lausanne Collegiate School. Previously, Arthur was the Director of Technology Infrastructure for Lausanne. He is originally from New York City, loves professional sports and cooking and is happy to be at Rhodes!

Upcoming Events!
Fob into Five - Secrets of Barret Library Tour - Sept. 14, 16, 17
Library in the Rat - Sept. 21 & 22